GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL LAND MADE CULTIVABLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a vast area of agricultural land is yet to be made cultivable in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The net sown area in the country is 142.82 million ha. out of which 5.48 million ha. is in Tamil Nadu. The total fallow land is 23.22 million ha. in the country whereas it is 2.25 million ha. in Tamil Nadu. The development of degraded arable land is being undertaken under various programmes for making it cultivable.

(c): The Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers, Reclamation of Alkali Soils and Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas are being implemented to increase the productivity of degraded lands for increasing agricultural and bio-mass production. State-wise financial assistance released during last three years is annexed.

Annexure
STATEWISE CENTRAL ASSISTANCE RELEASED DURING LAST THREE YEARS

Rs. in Crores

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE RELEASED

S.No.	STATES	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1	Andhra Pradesh	13.86	15.51	16.65
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.10	1.81	1.27
3.	Assam	1.45	1.70	1.20
4.	Bihar	0.98	1.25	
5	Gujarat	9.66	24.33	24.80
6.	Haryana	1.80	4.65	2.45
7	Himachal Pradesh	7.70	10.68	7.62
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	5.66	6.37	6.65
9.	Karnataka	30.50	31.15	38.65
10.	Kerala	5.00	15.02	3.90
11.	Madhya Pradesh	30.28	40.13	47.50
12.	Maharashtra	33.20	43.60	15.00
13.	Manipur	6.05	2.65	4.60
14.	Meghalaya	1.20	3.60	4.10

15. Mizoram 5.25 11.40 8.66
16. Nagaland 4.60 10.00 9.00
17. Orissa 13.00 6.62 5.00
18. Punjab 2.42 3.21 1.23
19. Rajasthan 41.98 55.59 51.30
20. Sikkim 0.90 1.50 2.00
21. Tamil Nadu 15.00 22.30 20.75
22. Tripura 2.61 4.80 5.51
23. Uttar Pradesh 32.55 41.84 35.75
24. West Bengal 1.10 6.20 7.50
25. Goa 0.08 0.03
26. A & N Island 0.25 0.65 0.34
27. Chandigarh
28. Dadara Nagar Haveli 0.01 0.01

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